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Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on December 29, 1957, Clarence "Bud" Stark took the hand of his beautiful bride, Doris Stouffer, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at St. Peter Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bud and Doris Stark have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Jeanette and Tim Hunt and Eric and Cami Stark; and two grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Bud Stark is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors with the St. Joseph Police Department and the St. Joseph School District; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Doris Stark has further distinguished herself by being a retired employee of the St. Joseph School District and by serving fifty year as organist at St. Peter's Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, Bud and Doris Stark have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include fishing, collecting pocket knives, quilting, sewing, and music; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, residents of St. Joseph, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on December 29, 1957, at the St. Peter Lutheran Church Ministry Center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bud and Doris Stark for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stark.

Offered by
Representative Rob Schaaf
District No. 28
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 59, adopted January 10, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker